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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/626,231

Applicant(s)

TRUTNAU, HANS-HEINRICH

Examiner

Jyoti Nagpaul

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07/24/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mowery.  
(US 4271697)

Mowery discloses a flowthrough analysis system. The apparatus comprises a filling point (53) for pressureless filling of a sample loop (45), and a conduit system in which a valve circuit for sample delivery is installed. The valve circuit includes a first and a second rotationally actuatable six-port valve (24 and 33) and are arranged in the conduit system in such a way that after filling of the sample loop (45) via the first valve (24), a specific working pressure can be generated in the sample loop (45) by actuation of the first valve (24), the second six-port valve (33) is installed in the sample loop (45). The second six-port valve (33), the working pressure built up in the sample loop (45) can be applied by means of a rotation onto a detector outlet (42). Mowery does not explicitly disclose the valves are rotationally actuatable clockwise and counter-clockwise. It is inherently and conventionally known that valves are actuatable clockwise and counter-clockwise. The detector outlet (42) leads to an inlet to a measurement cell. (Col. 2, Lines 5-9) The measurement cell is a component of a flowthrough analysis system and the flowthrough analysis system is an liquid chromatograph or a gas

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chromatograph or a biosensor. (Col. 2, Lines 5-9) The first six-port valve (24) has a first port (30) that leads to an overflow/vent (54), has a second port (25) that leads to a filling point (53) for a sample, has a third port (54) that leads to a first connecting conduit (37), and has a fourth port (29) that leads to a dead end has a fifth port (27) that leads to a branch (21), and has a sixth port (27) that leads to a second connecting conduit (21).

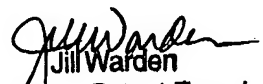
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jyoti Nagpaul whose telephone number is 571-272-1273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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